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National Union of Tunisian Woman.

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HISTORY



The National Union of Tunisian Women was the first women's non-governmental organization to be created in independent Tunisia.

The UNFT was established in January 1956, just after home-rule was proclaimed.

On August 13th 1956, women's position in Tunisian society changed radically for the better with the adoption of the personal status code, a progressive legislation guarantees the rights of women.

Since its beginnings, the UNFT has worked

OBJECTIVES

Promote women's advancement in all sectors: scientific, social, economic and political.

Eliminate all forms of discrimination against women.

Set up a development strategy consid-

ering the integration of women as main component.

Encourage women to launch projects by facilitating their access to credits.

Advocate women's involvement in decision-making spheres as a measure guaranteeing efficiency.

The Health

Since 1956 the National Union of Tunisian Woman played a central role in the national health policy from vaccination campaigns and throughout implementation phases.

Diversified activities:
Health -care caravans.

Breast Cancer screening, cervical cancer screening, HIV testing campaigns.

Reproductive health.

Free medical clinics.

Seminars and awareness campaigns.

Organ donations.

Modern agricultural training center for girl of CHBEDDA



Considering the importance giving by the national Union of Tunisian Woman to training and mentoring of rural woman and his integration into the economic and social life in accordance of the plans of the government, the UNFT create the modern agricultural training center for girl of Chbedda in 1995 under a cooperation agreement between UNFT and the A.G.F.U.N.D (Arab Gulf Program For United Development Organisations) .

The modern agricultural training center for girl of “Chbedda” welcomes young rural girls from all the Tunisian territory and try to give to young rural

girls an agricultural training based on modern farming techniques, a General knowledge to enhance their knowledge,culturally,socially and the health allowing them faster integration in social life



situated in Fouchana from Ben Arous governorate. The center **The modern agricultural training center for girl of Chbedda** is specializes in:



✦ **Small live stock:** rabbit production, poultry farming and bee-keeping .

Cattle breeding.

✦ Sheep and goat breeding.

✦ Crop production.

✦ Market gardening.

✦ Fruit farming.

✦ Processing products.

✦ Cheese making.

✦ Distillation of the plants.

✦ Vegetables and fruits preservation.

In parallel with agricultural training Young girls receive an additional training in the field of health, nutrition, sew and civil protection .

Attribution of microcredit and creation of independent sources of income

The National Union of Tunisian Woman signed on 26 September 2016 a framework convention with the Tunisian solidarity bank relating to the provision of micro-credit for establishing source of income, the integration of low-income persons into the economy and improving their living condition.

Thus the National union of Tunisian Woman regained its position nationally. Thus contributing to achieve economic and social goals in particular concerning the promotion of vulnerable groups and

the integration of women in the economic development process...After a 6- year pause the center of assistance to women's economic activities follows its activities in governorates of greater Tunis (**Tunis, Ben Arous, Ariana, Manouba**) and in a new zone with priority which is **Siliana**.

Financed by the Tunisian solidarity bank, the value of the first funding reached 100.000 dinars, the value of the second funding line reached 150.000 dinars for a total of 250.000 Dinars (DT).

Funding included most of sectors: industry, commerce, services, small trades, traditional trades and farming.



Vocational Training Centers

The National Union of Tunisian women creates vocational training centers throughout the country in order to promote women, integrating them into the economic life, encourage



them to settle down on their own account to reduce the unemployment rate by en-

suring vocational training for out-of-school youth. It should be noted that young people applying for training are of all levels of education and all ages, it has been a typical charac-

Despite all of the difficulties, hundreds of youth who drop out of school very early receive training in centers of UNFT allowing them an insertion into the labour MARKET.



teristic to the training centers of UNFT.



A 16-day campaign to fight violence against women

« You are no longer alone, we stand on your side »



28 November 2017 at the Modern Agricultural Training Center OF Chebedah: A workshop entitled "Violence against women in rural areas" in partnership with the **National Union of Agriculture and Fishing, with live testimonies.**

7 December 2017: an open awareness day in cooperation with the **local council of security in Fouchana** to sensitize citizens about the role and importance of "the neighborhood police in protecting women in rural areas". This activity was held at the modern agricultural

training center for girls in Chebedah.

8 December 2017: a visit to the "Delinquent Girl's Center at Mghira", including cultural workshops (plays / songs / dance). Sociologists, psychologists and lawyers had addressed



the concerns of delinquent girls, raise their awareness and provide legal and psychological counseling.

The Centre of Economic Guidance for the Tunisian Woman

The Center was inaugurated on **August 14, 2004**, within the context of the woman's day celebration, is an experimental space, founded by The UNFT.

It comprises three units for:

- Orientation and information
- Micro loans.
- Commercialisation.

Objectives

- To integrate the woman into the Tunisian economic life
- To entice her to launch her own business
- To guide young female entrepreneurs, and boost their productive capacities
- To set, inside the UNFT, a system of micro loans
- To reinforce allowances in collaboration with BTS- (The Tunisian Bank of Solidarity), (The Employment National Fund) and the different domestic and international lenders.
- To promote the woman's commercializing aptitudes
- To offer job opportunities for CAP holders (The Certificate of Professional Aptitude).

Childhood

In order to reduce disparities between regions and to provide assistance to children from needy families UNFT has established institutions for young children (**kindergarten**), and has organized various events to revitalize these institutions ,(there are currently **11**) for their rehabilitation in accordance with the specifications and stipulated norms in the specification. there had been proceeded also to the training of the person in charge of those establishments as well as the arrangement of some of these kindergarten such as :

Kindergarten « **El madda** » in Bizerte.

Kindergarten « **Habib Bourguiba** » in Gabes.

Kindergarten «Hajeb el Ouyoun

Delegation	Kindergarten
Tunis	«Cité el khadhra - Djebel Lahmer
Bizerte	El madda
Nabeul	Menzel temim. Wadi El khatf. Hammamet
Monastir	Al Habib
Gabes	Avenue Habib Bourguiba.
Kairouan	Hajeb el Ouyoun Kairouan Menzel Mhiri

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Literacy classes

The National Union of Tunisian Woman has contributed to the literacy program since his foundation the first days of independence with a strong commitment in this program to ensure that no woman will be marginalized.

Delegation	Nber of Classes
Bardo	1
La Marsa	1
Ben Arous	3
Ariana	2
Manouba	1
Jendouba	2
Gafsa	1
Tatouine	2
Gabes	2



Creation of alliances: "into further polarization"

In the context of attracting as many woman as possible from different sectors of activity and of various social classes, the National Union of Tunisian Woman has increased the number of alliances and has diversified its specialties , In line with the development of the participation of women in the active life that had made possible to form 21 alliances:

- Alliance of woman and environment.
- Alliance of woman in legal careers.
- Alliance of women writer.
- Alliance of women teachers.
- Alliance of women employees.
- Alliance of medical and paramedical professionals.
- Alliance of gender and women's fundamental rights.
- Alliance of artisan women.
- Alliance of militant women.
- Alliance of women and nutrition.
- Alliance « women and sport ».
- Alliance of women from the postal sector.
- Alliance of women pensioners.
- Business women's alliance.
- Alliance of women magistrates.
- Alliance of women parliamentarians.
- Alliance of « solidarity and social action ».
- Alliance of the women journalists.
- Alliance of women in cities.
- Alliance of women artists.